

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-8 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 1-8 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors and other informalities. No new matter has been added.

Objections to the Specification

In Sections 3-5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to informalities in the Abstract of the Disclosure. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been replaced to obviate this objection. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

§112 Rejection of Claims 1-8

In Section 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-8 have been amended, thereby obviating the rejection.

§102 Rejection of Claims 1-8

In Section 13 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Weisberg *et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,351,736; hereinafter referred to as “Weisberg”). This rejection is respectfully traversed below.

Claims 1-8, as presented herein, include limitations that an information processor, such as a personal computer, includes at least two recording means for recording types of data related to

at least two different contents. The first recording means records "a predetermined number of types of data related to a first content as a first main data group" and records "a predetermined number of types of data related to a second content as a second main data group". The second recording means records "data types related to the first content but not in the first main data group as a sub data group" and records "data types related to the second content but not in the second main data group as the sub data group".

For example, "FIG. 7B shows an example of the content display data 221. The content display data 221 corresponds to a main table of the display data file 182 which stores display data corresponding to the content, and includes content ID data, original package ID data for identification of an original package to which a corresponding package belong, content name data, data on number of checkouts, data on maximum number of checkouts, and data for indicating name of image file in which an image corresponding to a content is stored."

"Further, the display data file 182 may be made to correspond to a content ID and have data type and data recorded in the sub table, as shown in FIG. 7C. In the sub table are recorded data and the data type, which is different from that of the main table, corresponding to each content ID per a record. For example, in the sub table of the display data file 182 shown in FIG. 7C are recorded a cyber code (trademark), an ISRC (International Standard Recording Code), a songwriter name and a composer name corresponding to the content whose content ID is 123xDES3. Also, in the sub table of the content display data 221 shown in FIG. 7C are recorded a cyber code (trademark), an ISRC, a reproduction period and number of reproduction corresponding to the content whose content ID is 123xDES4. Meanwhile, in the sub table of the display data file 182 may be recorded data and the data type, which is different from that of the main table of the package, corresponding to each package ID. Accordingly, by using the sub table, even if a new type of data corresponding to the content is added, the display data file 182 can record the data of the new type smoothly and promptly without changing the system of the main table." Specification, page 35, line 17 to page 36, line 18 (emphasis added).

Accordingly, the aspects of the present invention embodied in claims 1-8 address the "drawbacks of the conventional information processing apparatus, such as a personal computer, ... capable of processing a variety of data related to different contents relatively flexibly and quickly to record various content-related data". Specification, page 2, lines 7-10.

It appears, however, that Weisberg discloses "a method and a system for playing a first type of data, such as audio stream data, for the user while simultaneously displaying an advertisement in the form of a second type of data, such as a video data." Abstract of Weisberg. Thus, Weisberg fails to teach or suggest having at least two recording means for recording types of data related to at least two different contents such that a predetermined number of content-related data can be recorded as a sub data group without changing the configuration of the main data group.

Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-8 are not anticipated by the teachings of Weisberg, as presented and referenced by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-8 based upon 35 U.S.C. §102(e) has been overcome by the present remarks and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with claims 1-8 are respectfully solicited.

In the event that additional cooperation in this case may be helpful to complete its prosecution, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number written below.

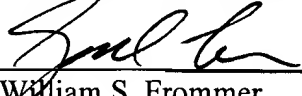
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